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TAGS: TH, EAIR, OCLR, MPOL

SUBJECT: FLIGHT CLEARANCES: OPERATION GIANT COBRA

REF: HQSAC 1700122 FEB 78 AND OTHERS

1. ALTHOUGH NOT APPARENT ON MSGS TO EMBASSY, DEPT (EA AND PM) HAVE BEEN EXERCISING DIRECT CONTROL OF DOD FLT CLEARANCE MSGS TO DAO BANGKOK ON OPERATION GIANT COBRA IN ORDER (A) PROVIDE POLITICAL GUIDANCE AND (B) ENSURE DOD USE PROPER CHANNELS. DOD HAS NOW ASKED US TO RELAX THIS EXPLICIT CONTROL, PARTLY BECAUSE OF TIME DELAYS WHICH AFFECT FLIGHT OPS. THIS FACTOR COULD BECOME MORE
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IMPORTANT IN FUTURE IF LOGISTIC FLIGHTS MUST SUPPORT ACTUAL SENSITIVE FLT OPS RATHER THAN MERELY PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINGENCY. WE ARE THUS REMOVING OURSELVES AS AN ACTIVE LINK IN THE CHAIN OF GIANT COBRA FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR THAILAND. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFO COPIES.

2. MSGS TO DAO BANGKOK WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO CARRY CAPTION

DIRECTING THAT CLEARANCE REQUESTS MUST BE PERSONALLY
APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR (OR, WE REALIZE, HIS DELEGATE). IF
PROBLEMS DEVELOP, PLS INFORM US. CHRISTOPHER

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